

February 2-8, 2015 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

The regular waterfowl season is now closed. Youth season in the Western Duck Zone is this weekend, February 7 and 8. Temperatures have been up and down all week, but are projected to be in the 50s by the weekend. Most water should be open. Please use caution while on the water.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	58,970 ducks 1,280 CG 9,000 W-F geese 10,000 snow geese	78% mallards, 14% ring-necks, 3% gadwall, 5% black ducks, wigeon, green-winged teal, northern shovelers, pintails, and wood ducks	Weather patterns over the last several days have been up and down with temps. Fairly warm today with wind switching out of the North and bringing a heavy freeze tonight into tomorrow. By the weekend temps are predicted to be in the mid 50's. The waterfowl that are on Ballard are spread out in moist soil units and in some corn stalks that are left standing. The majority of birds were found in large groups on Mitchell Lake and the Front Slough. There is partial sheet ice on bigger water and almost complete sheet ice in shallow pools. Hunting activity on Ballard has been out since January 25 th . If the weather and birds hold out, we should have a decent Youth weekend on the 7 th and 8 th .
Barren River Lake	No count		
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No count		

Boatwright WMA	10,500 ducks	94% mallards, 2% green-wing teal, 4% gadwall, wigeon, and pintails	Lakes and waterholes are partially frozen. There is minimal row crop availability left. With the warm trend, ducks are utilizing moist soil plants and seeds. Ducks are hard to see due to the thick brush that they are loafing in.
Doug Travis WMA	12,500 ducks	70% mallards, 15% green-wing teal, 10% mixed dabblers, 5% ring-necks	Two wells running to fight drought and ice for youth weekend. Ducks using MSU heavily now.
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	2,879 ducks 298 CG 150 American Coots	83% mallards, 17 divers	Water levels still low in moist soil units.
Sloughs WMA	3,215 750 CG 2,250 W-F geese 4,000 Snow geese 82 Swans	85% mallard, 15% gadwall, northern shovelers, pintails, green-winged teal, black ducks, and redheads	With the warmer weather, waterfowl were observed tucked into buck brush sloughs. Ducks are utilized moist soil impoundments, flooded timber, and buck bush sloughs.
Yellowbank WMA	No Count		
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No Count		
Herrington Lake	No ducks or geese		
Taylorsville Lake	No ducks		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		
Cave Run Lake	No count		